

# Iron County Register

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AND the blow almost killed Hanna.

In the elections last week McKinley prospered wasn't endorsed to any great extent.

The voters seem to be able to distinguish McKinley prosperity from the genuine article.

We know, by the frequent fervid references to him in the Goldbug papers, that Bryan has lost all his prestige and influence.

The London papers are very much dissatisfied with the result of the recent election in New York. But then the English never are pleased with Democratic victories.

COTTON has touched the lowest price of the century. Still the people of the South are expected to throw up their hats and shout over the wave of prosperity that is now sweeping over the country!

THE breach between the two great factions of the Republican party in New York seems beyond bridging. Unlike Mercutio's wound, it is deep as a well and a good deal wider than a barn door.

OF course, the silver craze is dead. But its shadow that visited the Republican camp last week brought more terror to the soul of the Goldbug Richard than ten thousand Anarchists armed in beer and pretzels.

FAMINE in India and short crops in Europe do not affect the value of grain in the least, but yellow fever at the South plays the very deuce with the price of cotton and makes everything else lower. This is Goldbug logic.

THE Scott County *Newsboy* fills the "persecution" attorney" of that bailiwick thusly: "Latest information from the court house is to the effect that all criminals who pleaded guilty were 'convicted.' They who demanded trial were acquitted."

THE present Pacific Railroad transactions and the bond deals of the Cleveland administration will stand side by side upon the pages of history with the Credit Mobilier steal and other great public scandals that blacken the annals of civilization.

WITH a hundred thousand tons of Alabama coal going to Mexico for the use of her railroad locomotives in competition with English coal, it looks as though a new field is open to the South for her rich products.—*Sedalia Daily Capital*.

Now, what we'd like to find out is this: If it requires a protection of seventy cents a ton to make coal-mining self-sustaining in the United States, how can the Alabama people ship coal to Mexico and sell it at a profit in unprotected competition with "the pauper labor of Europe"?

WE observe in the Poplar Bluff *Citizen* that if a halt is not made soon, the swamp land attorneys will bankrupt Butler county. Marshall & Edwards obtained judgment against the county for \$13,500. H. N. Phillips has instituted a suit for \$11,645, and other attorneys have been allowed fees ranging from \$50 to \$250, for services in "perfecting" Butler's title to swamp lands. The *Citizen* says: "Verily the Butler county swamp lands must be a well-feathered, juicy and fat goose for attorneys to take a whack at."

THE fact that there has been a raise in the Syndicate bid for the Government interest in the Union Pacific Railroad to the extent of eight million dollars in consequence of the exposure of the deal between J. Pierpont Morgan, representative of the syndicate, and Mark Hanna, as representative of the McKinley administration, amounts to a confession that the syndicate under the management of Morgan, John G. Carlisle, and others, intended to fish all they could of the government's property. Had no exposure taken place the McKinley administration would have permitted the thieves to get away with the stolen goods. Yet it is the Vanderbilts, Morgans, and the other members of this looting combination, in both Europe and America, that are so anxious to preserve "the nation's honor."

## What The Elections Show.

The tide, as shown by the recent elections, portends the ultimate triumph of the Democratic party, if any attention is given to the lessons of the past four years. It shows that the South and West are drawing together on lines laid down in the Chicago platform, and because of identity of interests these two sections will act in unison in the future. Party leaders disposed to get in the way will be run over.

Perhaps the most important fact developed is the complete collapse of the Sound Money Democracy. Henry Watterson, the "guide, philosopher and friend" of that organization, disgusted at its poor showing, throws up his hands and practically abandons the fight; and well he may, for in his own State its strength as shown by the vote

is scarcely sufficient to fill the post-offices, should McKinley seek to reward each member of that party.

As in England the Liberal Unionist now takes his place in the ranks of the Conservative party, so in this country the Sound Money Democrat will in future be found fighting under the Republican flag. What a satisfaction it will be to the genuine Democrat to see the Villases, the Whitneys, the Cleverlands, and others of that ilk, sailing under their true colors!

Wherever the Chicago platform was brought to the front and the battle fought upon national issues, there we find the greatest Democratic gains. Tammany and New York form an exception, but there the conditions were exceptional, and Cleveland's old following to a great extent was behind Seth Low. The death of Henry George took his strong personality out of the fight, and as a result his following disintegrated, the Democrats going to Tammany as the only thing Democratic in sight, for Tammany had supported Bryan, which fact was being used against it. And Van Wyck is an outspoken silverite. Mr. Gorman and his straddle platform were both snowed under in Maryland. In Ohio, where Mark Hanna was the issue as representing McKinleyism, the boss was defeated by a popular vote of forty-five thousand votes, although the Bushnell, the Republican Governor, was re-elected by something like fifteen thousand—a falling off in the Republican majority of near thirty thousand. The tide is as strongly against McKinley in 1897 as it was against Harrison in 1889.

Supposing, however, that an attempt should be made to play the old Indiana New York game? Supposing William C. Whitney and David Bennett Hill should be placed in charge of the Democratic party? Supposing John G. Carlisle and Roger Q. Mills should come to the front as party leaders? Supposing a return be made to the old straddle platforms of 1892 and 1888? Supposing a halt should be called in the fight for Financial Reform? Supposing the Sound Money Democracy, so-called, should be placed in charge of the party machinery in this State, in the interest of harmony? How much of the party would be left?

The people who have hitherto acted in conjunction with the Republican party on the silver question may come back if they want to, but they must take the party as they find it, and not expect the fatted calf or a brass band if they show no evidences of sincere contrition.

The people demand Bryan and the Chicago platform for 1900, and they will see to it that their demands are needed. Those who betrayed Democracy in 1896 will not be honored conspicuously in 1900.

## Anarchy and Plutocracy.

There is a society that is almost world-wide in its ramifications. It has its members wherever there is oppression, discontent and squalor. Wherever men are in want and starvation rears its front will be found the red flag of Anarchy, and men with narrow foreheads and bestial instincts will be found touching elbows under its folds with those of keen intellect, generous impulses and broad conceptions of what is just and right. Where laws that should be a protection to all alike are perverted to enslave one class of citizens and increase the power of another class; when millionaires control our courts and legislatures the same as their other private assets; when it becomes evident that our courts are but the instruments by which the mining or railroad baron records his decrees; when men see that they are practically driven to work at the behest of the employer—it is not wonderful that the more mercurial should despair of any relief by means of law, and turn their backs upon all law. From their standpoint law is the cause of their undoing. It is the fiat of those who eat them and their children. In proportion as misery, oppression and poverty increase throughout the world, in that proportion will the followers of the red flag increase.

Wealth-shudders at the specter of its own raising. Men do not attempt to overthrow an existing state of society unless there is terrible pressure behind them, and as this pressure increases and extends to greater numbers the danger to the existing order becomes more acute.

All talk of expatriating Anarchists and Socialists, and confining them to the limits of a penal colony, is nonsense. Banish every Anarchist from civilized society to-day, leaving the conditions the same, and to-morrow a greater crop would spring up. If we should look for the causes in society that produce the follower the red flag we would find another great society, also world-wide in its ramifications. We would find this society standing together in England, France, Germany—where ever men resort to trade. When the English farmer points out to Parliament that the gold standard is throttling him and is expatriating him and his children from the land of his forefathers, the Gold Trust forbids it to take any action for his relief, and that hebest is obeyed. When similar demands are made by the producers of Germany, France, India, and other

parts of the world, their cries for help are met by sullen and contemptuous refusal. Nor will this great society of plutocrats, which not only controls the governments of the world but the great arteries of trade, the channels through which people receive news and by which they communicate, permit, if they can help it, any action, no matter how insignificant, on the part of the law-makers, that they think inimical to their interests. Where legislation interferes with their profits or restrains their privileges they treat it as if it were not. The Anarchist who violates the law is a villain of the deepest dye. An agreement among gentlemen in violation of an express statute is superior to the law and dispenses with its operations in that particular case. If a bomb is thrown at an Anarchist meeting and policemen killed, a dragnet is got out and a half dozen men hung and imprisoned who were merely exercising the right of free speech in an intemperate manner. If a strike is on, and it becomes necessary to secure troops, peaceable and unarmed citizens are shot down in cold blood while going along the public highway, by a sheriff who does the bidding of the mining barons without warrant of law, and his praises are sounded from every Plutocratic pulpit and press in the land. Such exhibitions are not reassuring.

The truth is the Plutocratic Frankenstein is getting so frightened at the monster of his own creation that he is prepared to take any course that will free him from fear, short of giving up any portion of the privileges which have called the monster into being. If the Anarchist and Plutocrat could be left to fight it out, and no one else be injured, society would be a mere spectator. The great middle classes have interests, however, that they cannot permit to be sacrificed without a strong effort to save them. When the Plutocrat is shorn of his illegitimate advantages the red flag will fall to the earth for lack of hands to hold it aloft. Even Herr Most, when he has acquired a fortune, becomes lukewarm in the cause of Anarchy, and with the instinct of a Shylock espouses the gold standard.

The time is not far distant when the hand of the plutocracy will either be raised or there will be an explosion. People will not always permit themselves to be held up and robbed, though the robber cry out against "National dishonor" never so loudly. "The last refuge of a scoundrel is patriotism," says Dr. Johnson, and in the light of passing events no one can successfully dispute the Doctor's position.

## Eugene Field Day at Middlebrook.

MIDDLEBROOK, MO., Nov. 8, 1897. The second anniversary of the death of Eugene Field was commemorated by the pupils of this school in a pleasant as well as a substantial way.

The first half of the forenoon session was devoted to exercises touching upon the life, character, and works of "The Child's Poet."

His biography, and some of his characteristic poems were rendered by the older pupils, while supplementary readings were arranged for the intermediate grade.

A collection was also taken for the monument fund. The children gave cheerfully from their own private spending money, and deserve proper credit for their generous contributions.

The following is a list of names of those who gave for the fund: George Bixon, Isaac Waldrum, Lewis Seitz, Otto, Fred, and George Gassman, Willie Salling, Eddie and Kate Doyle, Miles, Guy and Klipp Johnson, Eddie Orrick, Elza, Laura and Tom Burr, Clarence Hill, George Ebrecht, Lizzie Bixon, Marie Rodach, Louise Oesterle, Annie Griebel and Wilber Seitz.

The total amount received was \$2.10. The money has been forwarded to J. West Goodwin, secretary of the monument association, Sedalia, Mo.

J. W. HALE, Teacher.

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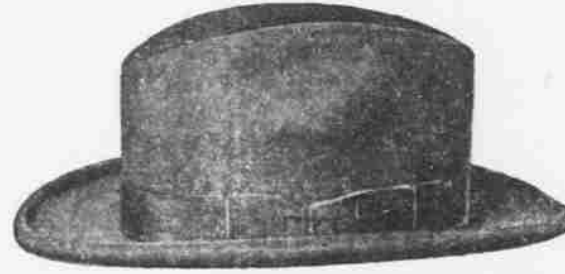
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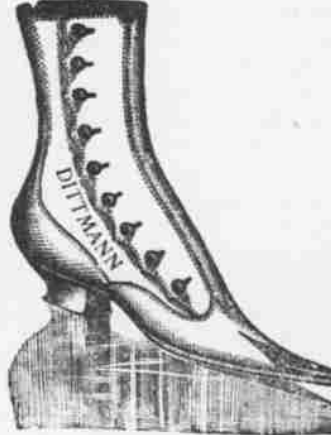
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